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Attorney General McGraw Urges Consumers To Check Automobile Recall Lists to Protect Themselves From Possible Hazards

Attorney General Darrell McGraw is urging West Virginia consumers to make sure that their vehicles have not been recalled for safety reasons.

Over the last couple of months, recalls have been issued by vehicle manufacturers that affect nearly 1.5 million vehicles. Recalled vehicles were made between 1997 and today.

“Ensuring the safety of West Virginia consumers is one of my primary concerns,” McGraw stated. “Consumers sometimes do not realize when a product is recalled and making sure that West Virginians are informed about these recalls will help keep our highways safe.”

Attorney General McGraw urges consumers to visit his website, www.wvago.gov or the federal government’s recalled products website at www.recalls.gov to check the list of recalled vehicles and other products.

Any West Virginian who has questions about this or any other consumer matter is urged to contact Attorney General McGraw’s consumer protection division by calling 1-800-368-8808 or e-mailing consumer@wvago.gov.

The 1.5 million vehicles that were recently recalled include the following:

102,000 2007-2008 model year Dodge Avengers and Chrysler Sebrings with 2.4-liter engines have been recalled to repair a problem that could lead to engine compartment fires. As of October 2, 2007 the manufacturer reported it was aware of 17 fires that had occurred due to the problem.

72,000 2008 model year Avenger sedans and Sebring convertibles have been recalled to fix a problem with the front door latch cables. This problem could lead to the doors not latching properly.

300,000 Jeeps and Dodge Nitros have been recalled to have the antilock brake control units reprogrammed. Brake function was delayed due to a programming flaw. Recall affects 2007 Jeep Wranglers, 2007 Dodge Nitros, 2006 & 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokees and 2006 & 2007 Jeep Commanders.

29,000 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Jeep Commanders have been recalled. Units built for the 2007 and 2008 model years will need new front brake calipers. Original installations were made incorrectly resulting in broken and faulty calipers.

1,500 Dodge Ram pickup trucks have been recalled. Affected models are 2007 model year, two wheel drive, with manual transmissions. Drive shafts will be replaced to prevent drive shaft yokes from breaking.

1,200 2008 Dodge Avengers are being recalled to fix fuel tank retention straps. Original straps could break, resulting in the fuel tank falling off the vehicle.

29,000 2006 & 2007 model year BMW 550i, 650i Coupe, 650i Convertible, and 2007 X5 4.8i: Recalled due to a problem that could lead to the loss of power steering while driving.

6,600 2007 model year BMW X5: Recalled due to a problem in a switch signaling low brake fluid.

9,600 2007 model Cadillac CTS: Recalled due to faulty sunroof wire harness.

5,800 2008 model Mercedes-Benz C Class: Recalled due to a faulty seatbelt design in the rear seats.

372,000 Nissan Pathfinders, Infiniti QX4: Models manufactured from 1997 through 2001 have been recalled due to a fault in the fuel filler tube assembly.

3,600 2007 model year Nissan Armada: Bracket on third row seat belt requires replacement.

340,000 Volkswagen Jetta, Volkswagen Rabbit, and GTI R32: Model years from 2005-2008 are recalled due to adjustments needed in headlights.

94,000 Suzuki Forenza: Models affected were manufactured between 2004-2006 and have a problem with the daytime running lights.

34,000 Volkswagen Passat, Audi A4, Audi A6: Models affected are 2003 model year vehicles with 1.8 liter turbo, 2.8 liter, or 3.0 liter engines. Recalled due to fuel pump failure.

21,000 2001 through 2004 model year Pontiac Aztek and Pontiac Montana vehicles as well as 2002 through 2004 Chevy Venture and Buick Rendezvous: Recalled due to fuel tanks that may require replacement.

10,000 2007 Chevy Express and GMC Savana Vans: Recalled due to a problem with the rear brakes.

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